

Farningham Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Farningham held at Shand Hall, High Street, Farningham on Wednesday 11th March 2026 at 7pm.

1. Attendees and apologies for absence.

Attendees: Cllrs Baker, Cook, McGarvey, McGeough and Salmon, Sevenoaks District Councillors (SDC) Ball, and White (in part).

In Attendance: three members of the public and the Clerk, Helen Penney.

Apologies: FPC Cllrs Burns and Bourne and Kent County Cllr Logen.

1. Attendees and apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of personal, prejudicial and disclosable pecuniary interests on items on the agenda and

updates to members' register of interests.

3. To consider, and approve if appropriate, agenda items sufficiently confidential as to warrant exclusion of members of the press and public under the Admission to Meetings Act 1960.

4. Nomination of a Member to complete the next Trident Reports for submission by 11 April, and 11 May 2026.

5. To receive a report from the County Councillor. (No decisions may take place as a result of this item).

6. To receive a report from the District Councillors. (No decisions may take place as a result of this item).

7. A Public Open Session. Members of the public will be welcome to address the Parish Council with any local concerns they have. Please note that each speaker will be allocated a maximum of three minutes and at the discretion of the Chair. (No decisions may take place as a result of this item).

8. Approve as a correct record, the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 11 March 2026.

9. Clerks report. (No decision making may take place as a result of this item).

10. Planning.

10.1 To note and raise any questions to the planning log circulated by the Clerk on 31 March 2026.

10.2 Planning Applications.

To consider any planning applications and to include any received by the Clerk after the agenda has been served to Councillors.

10.2.1 Reference: 26/00235/ADV

Site: Mercure Brands Hatch Hotel London Road West Kingsdown Kent DA3 8PE

Proposal: 1no. Illuminated totem single-sided display measuring 4m(H) x 2.1m(L) x 0.35m(W). Illustrating the hotel's name, a photo and labels

Comments due: 10 April 2026

10.2.2 Reference: 26/00373/FUL

Site: Maplebank Poultry Farm Maplescombe Lane Farningham Kent DA4 0JY

Proposal: Proposed change of use of land for the storage of trailers, and the siting of a skip, together with the reorganisation of car parking spaces.

Comments due: 12 April 2026

10.3 To note planning applications received but not for comment:

10.3.1 Site: The Old Smithy 58 High Street Farningham Kent DA4 0DB

Reference	Condition of 23/03266/FUL.
26/00680/DETAIL	Details pursuant to condition 8 (Construction Environmental Management Plan).
26/00620/DETAIL	Details pursuant to condition 7 (implementation of a watching brief).
26/00621/DETAIL	Details pursuant to condition 5 (phased contaminated land investigation of the site).

10.3.2 Site: Charton Manor Farm Gorse Hill Farningham Dartford Kent DA4 0JT

Reference	Condition of 22/03410/FUL
26/00560/DETAIL	Details pursuant to condition 7 (Acoustic Assessment).
26/00642/DETAIL	Details pursuant to condition 9 (Contamination Investigation/ Remediation Strategy).
26/00643/DETAIL	Details pursuant to condition 11 (Details of the Provision of Parking).
26/00644/DETAIL	Details pursuant to condition 12 (Development, Details of Secure, Covered Bicycle Parking Facilities).
26/00645/DETAIL	Details pursuant to condition 13 (Details of the Location and Type of Electrical Vehicle Charging Point).
26/00646/DETAIL	Details pursuant to condition 14 (Details of Hard and Soft Landscaping across the Site).
26/00647/DETAIL	Details pursuant to condition 16 (Details of an Ecological Enhancement Plan).
26/00648/DETAIL	Details pursuant to condition 17 (Lighting Design Plan for Biodiversity).
26/00645/DETAIL	Details pursuant to condition 13 (Details of the Location and Type of Electrical Vehicle Charging Point).

10.4 Updates on enforcement cases and to highlight new activities or sites causing concern.

11. Finance Items for noting and decision.

11.1 To approve items payable, and note items paid and receipts.

11.2 To note and raise any questions for the flexed budget March 2026.

11.3 Grant request to the Darent River Preservations Society for a New Darent Action Plan.

12. Highways.

12.1 To note, discuss and agree any progress from highways since the last meeting.

12.1 Quote from SDC to provide extra parking at Oliver Crescent.

13. To discuss the Community Asset Transfers and agree next steps following SDCs committee meeting on Tuesday 7 April 2026.

14. Farningham Woods update.

15. To confirm the Annual Parish Meeting, Monday 11 May 2026, and finalise details.

16. Correspondance - To consider an email received regarding Pedham Place.

Urgent business that occurs and requires, attention before the next meeting that may be reported at the Chairman's discretion. (No decisions may take place as a result of this item).

Date of next meeting Wednesday 13th May 2026, 7pm.

Requests from Councillors for the next agenda due by 1st May 2026.

Items Paid

Receipts

Items Payable